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## **GRCC Receives Perfect PREA Audit Score**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 29, 2015)** – Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) received a perfect score during its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities in the country.

The audit team consisted of three PREA auditors, all from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services – Audit Chairperson Stephanie Huddle, Trish Bernhards, and Sarah Nelson. The audit itself, including the tour and interviews, confirmed staff and inmates at GRCC knew and practiced the written policy, according to the auditors.

“The success of this PREA audit is indicative of the exemplary work and professionalism demonstrated by GRCC staff on a daily basis,” said Warden DeEdra Hart. “Their dedication to safety and well-being of the inmate population is second to none.”

“I am very proud of everyone at the Green River Correctional Complex,” said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. “The PREA audit process gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the zero tolerance standard outlined by our policy and to attain a perfect score of 100 percent shows the true dedication of all the staff at GRCC.”

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. Each of Kentucky’s 13 prisons will receive an initial PREA audit within the first three-year audit period that concludes in August 2016, with follow-up audits conducted once every three years on a continuous cycle.

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